

## Faith Congregational Martin Luther King Remembrance Service Monday

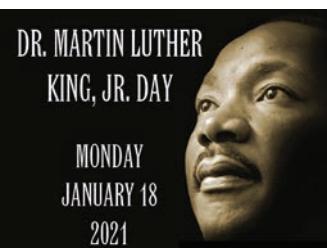
Faith Congregational Church, 2030 Main Street will host a virtual service of remembrance for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this Monday, January 18, beginning at 3:30 pm. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference

Minister of the United Church of Christ.

To watch the service live, please go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/1871179430623>. The meeting ID is: 871 7943 0623. One-tap mobile number is: +13126266799,,87179430623#.

For more information, go to the church's website at [faithmatterstoday.org](http://faithmatterstoday.org).

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## Hartford is readying for a vaccine rollout, here's what you need to know

BY DONNA SWARR

There have been several articles in the Hartford Courant about the statewide rollout of the Pfizer vaccine to the groups in Phase 1A; healthcare workers, nursing home residents and medical first responders. At the City Council Health and Human Services Committee Meeting on January 4th, Director Liany Arroyo reported on COVID vaccine distribution. Phase 1A is being managed by the federal government. According to Arroyo, all

vaccinations in nursing homes will most likely have been completed by January 8th. Nursing home vaccinations were administered via federal funding by Walgreens and CVS. As of January 10th, there have been 223 COVID-related deaths reported in Hartford. Up to now, the city hasn't participated in Phase 1A, as no municipal health department is able to handle the Pfizer vaccine,

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### HARTFORD NEWS EDITORIAL

## Extremism Has to End

The trouble in America in the Trump era is that his actions have created a great divide between those who want the country to be run by "conservatives" who long for the days when white Protestant males called most of the shots and today's "liberals" who believe that others should have equal opportunities.

Trump overplayed his hand when he refused to accept the election results and instigated the assault on the nation's Capitol as a last ditch effort to stop the certification of the electoral ballots. He now leaves office in disgrace and should be prosecuted for his acts of sedition as well as the other crimes he may have committed before and after he took office.

The Country must lessen the divide between the two groups who have much in common. Once Trump's big lie that the election was stolen is discredited, we can all return to basic principles of constitutional law, personal liberty, low taxes, less regulation, free trade, etc. – American values we can all agree on that have made the United States the most successful democracy in history.

To lessen the divide, there needs to be changes in both the "mainstream" media and the right wing media that includes talk radio. The first group can help by backing away from promoting cancel culture and acknowledge that we all have feet of clay and that we sometimes have to overlook some acts when recognizing other more positive accomplishments. And we shouldn't always judge past actions by today's standards.

Talk radio needs to stop fanning the flames of division. For example, the hosts heard on Hartford's WTIC radio often refuse to challenge Trump's lies and continue to portray those who do as dangerous socialists or even communists, intent on taking away our freedoms. The daily roster of Will Marotti, Rush Limbaugh, and Todd Feinburg need to stop attacking those who think governments should help disadvantaged groups. "Pastor Will," who says he is a man of God, shows very little compassion for those who suffer and sometimes need a helping hand.

About 25 years ago, *The Hartford News* played a major role in driving Jeff Katz from our airways. Katz was an extremist whose broadcasts focused on attacking the City of Hartford and its people. His lies and hatred were exposed by our reporter and he was dismissed.

We must now hold WTIC to account. The radio station depends on the support of advertisers who are complicit in enabling the station to sustain the programs that cause division. Our readers should let WTIC and its advertisers know that changes need to be made to the station's programming in order to bring Americans closer together. Short of replacing some of the hosts, disputed facts and untruths put forth by the hosts and their callers must be acknowledged.



## Hartford Reflections 2021

*While America struggles through its most divisive and violent transition of presidential power in recent memory and at the same time battles through a resurgence in the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Connecticut River flows calmly by Downtown Hartford in this shot taken Monday night from the Charter Oak Bridge. After a burst of construction along the riverfront in the early 2000s, Hartford's skyline has remained pretty much the same and, although it's no longer the tallest building in the city, the Travelers Tower still dominates the Hartford skyline as it has for over a century. (Hart photo)*

## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



*A 1969 view of the vast hall and waiting room at Hartford's Union Station on Union Place. This was where travelers bought tickets for the north and south bound trains that ran nearly hourly, day and night. Up until 1968 it was a departure and arrival point for what had been the New York-New Haven-Hartford line, which began in 1872. After several mergers Amtrak took over the system in 1976. Prior to that the New York City-bound trains used Grand Central Station as their terminus; after it was switched to Penn Station. In 1969, Union Place also blossomed as Hartford's "Little Greenwich Village", boasting a number of "hippie" shops and restaurants. And in December of that year, Union Station became even busier when the Selective Service System instituted the draft lottery for all 19-year-old men as the war in Vietnam was accelerating. Those whose lottery numbers were called were mandated to take the train to New Haven for their pre-induction physicals. (Photo courtesy of Lawrence Plourde)*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Virtual Town Hall Meeting Saturday

Mayor Luke Bronin's January Town Hall Meeting will be held this Saturday, January 16 at 11am. This month's main topic is Hartford's Crisis Response Team (HCRT). HCRT, which includes city staff and representatives of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Hartford Hospital, is designed to assign professional crisis workers to certain emergency calls instead of, or alongside, police officers. Saturday's meeting will be streamed live on Mayor Bronin's Facebook page or you can join by Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521421610>

### MLK Community Day at the Wadsworth

The Wadsworth Atheneum 600 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, will hold its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Day this Monday, January 18. There will be several live and online activities. Stop by the museum and pick up a free art pack to design a mixed-media collage from home that presents your hopeful vision for the future. Free admission noon–5pm with timed ticket reservation. Highlights tour at 11am, Family tour at 11:15am. Virtual activities will include a reading by children's book author Abdul-Razak Zachariah, dance performance by Jakar Hankerson, and discussion of Jayne Cortez's poetry. Presented in partnership with The Amistad Center for Art & Culture. For more information, go to [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

### Food Distribution Resumes at Rentschler Field

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## Opinion from the Hartford Federation of Teachers: A Grounded Perspective

The workforce in Hartford Public Schools is a diverse body, and during this challenging time, we are concerned professionally and on a personal level about the impact of the Coronavirus. We understand that the community is being impacted quite dramatically and ultimately are concerned about our friends and family. As it is very challenging to face the same struggle within the work environment, those of us who have a close connection to the community understand this dynamic and how sensitive the issue is, especially when faced with the impact on our families.

This is why we are encouraging the leaders of our district to engage collaboratively to offer our students the safest environments in which to learn and thrive. As professionals who also live, worship and work, we are truly a part of the greater community. As members of the communities we serve, we see the financial, emotional, mental, and physical impact it has on all involved, and we stand ready to aid in helping through this time. We are encouraging the leadership of this district to listen to the grassroots connections to the community as we deal with this hardship that is at our front doorstep. We, as members of this community, see the pangs of distress and loneliness that ravage not only our young but all of those in the community that have come together to care for them. Our leaders need to hear the stories of our grandmothers that have not been able to make it to their grandchildren's First Communion or our mothers who miss their daughter's Sweet Sixteen because they have been deemed essential workers. All of these stories are what come to our doorsteps at home, work, churches and stores as we all begin strategizing how to best serve our community, our home. This is a call to all leaders in our country to join us in this fight against this invisible fiend, and together best show the adage: "We are all in this together."

Time is of the essence. We see ourselves reflected in the children's eyes and must work together with equity to meet this challenge head-on! The COVID-19 virus does not honor our titles or positions. We must have the courage to work across implied lines to serve all stakeholders. Currently, this opportunity exists as the majority of the unionized district workers seek cooperation in a new accord in decision-making at the district level. Let us put our children first. When we work together, we will be better served and it would ease anxiety as many of our members feel discouraged about what's going on and the pace of change. It is important to work with the entire coalition of leadership to address these concerns. We encourage all district leaders to fully engage their counterparts in transparent solutions to meet the safety needs of everyone within our district.

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## Opinión De la Federación de Maestras(os) de Hartford: Una perspectiva fundamentada

La fuerza laboral en las Escuelas Públicas de Hartford es un cuerpo diverso, y durante este tiempo desafiante, estamos preocupados profesionalmente y a nivel personal por el impacto del Coronavirus. Entendemos que la comunidad está siendo impactada de manera bastante dramática y, en última instancia, estamos preocupados por nuestros amigos y familiares. Como es muy desafiante enfrentar la misma lucha dentro del ambiente laboral, aquellos de nosotros que tenemos una conexión cercana con la comunidad entendemos esta dinámica y cuán sensible es el tema, especialmente cuando enfrentamos el impacto en nuestras familias.

Es por eso que estamos animando a los líderes de nuestro distrito a participar en colaboración en un esfuerzo por ofrecer a nuestros estudiantes los entornos más seguros en los que aprender y prosperar. Como profesionales que también vivimos, adoramos y trabajamos, somos realmente parte de la comunidad en general. Como miembros de las comunidades a las que servimos, vemos el impacto financiero, emocional, mental y físico que tiene en todos los involucrados, y estamos listos para ayudar en este momento. Estamos alentando al liderazgo de este distrito a escuchar las conexiones de base con la comunidad mientras lidiamos con esta dificultad que está en la puerta de nuestra casa. Nosotros, como miembros de esta comunidad, vemos los dolores de la angustia y la soledad que devastan no solo a nuestros jóvenes, sino a todos aquellos en la comunidad que se han unido para cuidarlos. Nuestros líderes necesitan escuchar las historias de nuestras abuelas que no han podido asistir a la Primera Comunión de sus nietos o nuestras madres extrañan los Dulces Dieciséis de su hija porque han sido consideradas trabajadoras esenciales. Todas estas historias son las que llegan a nuestras puertas en el hogar, el trabajo, las iglesias y las tiendas, a medida que todos comenzamos a diseñar estrategias para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad, nuestro hogar. Este es un llamado a todos los líderes de nuestro país para que se unan a nosotros en esta lucha contra este demonio invisible, y juntos muestren mejor el adagio: "Todos estamos juntos en esto".

El tiempo es la esencia. ¡Nos vemos reflejados en los ojos de los niños y debemos trabajar juntos con equidad para enfrentar este desafío de frente! El virus COVID-19 no honra nuestros títulos o posiciones. Debemos tener el coraje de trabajar a través de líneas implícitas para servir a todas las partes interesadas. Actualmente, esta oportunidad existe ya que la mayoría de los trabajadores distritales sindicalizados buscan cooperación en un nuevo acuerdo en la toma de decisiones a nivel distrital. Pongamos a nuestros hijos primero. Cuando trabajamos juntos, estaremos mejor atendidos y aliviará la ansiedad ya que muchos de nuestros miembros se sienten desanimados por lo que está sucediendo y el ritmo del cambio. Es importante trabajar con toda la coalición de liderazgo para abordar estas preocupaciones. Alentamos a todos los líderes del distrito a involucrar plenamente a sus contrapartes en soluciones transparentes para satisfacer las necesidades de seguridad de todos dentro de nuestro distrito.

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## Politically Speaking

*A Fresh Look at Issues  
Facing our Region & State*

**BY MIKE MCGARRY**

## WTIC: Crackpot Radio

While I love the early morning show with Ray Dunaway (a great host) on 1080, WTIC-AM, the rest of the day seems to be filled with various Right-Wing nuts who spend the majority of their time coming up with excuses and praise for our now shamed president. It must be quite a job keeping up with the wild swings coming out of the White House lest they find themselves on the wrong side of the Trumpster.

However, some humor comes out of all this (feel free to pass it on, all original from here). QUESTION: why are all of Trump's aids quitting? ANSWER: To have time to clean out their bank accounts and buy a one-way ticket to a country without an extradition treaty with the U.S. QUESTION: Right Wing talk show hosts have compared the criminal who assaulted the Capitol last Wednesday to members of the original Boston Tea Party. Answer: At least the Tea Party guys disguised themselves as Native Americans to avoid detection.

One of the most telling videos to come out of the whole mess showed the absolute stupidity of the gate and window crashers in allowing themselves to be so easily identified. Hey you jerks, don't you know that there's this outfit called the FBI? With all the footage from the Capitol's own surveillance cameras plus what has been posted on social media, it should be relatively easy to arrest those responsible for broken windows, stolen documents and other acts of mischief.

But the headline of this piece refers to WTIC-AM, the self-described "50,000 watt flame-thrower."

Again, their well-balanced morning show is excellent. After that, things take a real nose-dive. The way

their hosts provide encouragement to those who think like them to cause trouble and disrespect norms truly boggles the mind.

The preacher who is on in the morning said that political division will destroy the country (so everyone must agree with him). He seems to forget that America has always had divisions, it's how we've handled them with mutual respect and compromises that have helped our country not just survive but thrive. In fact, our founding document, the Constitution, is full of compromises.

The host in the afternoon drive time seems ready to let the whole country's system get smashed rather than it be run by people who don't agree with everything he says. He can't or won't budge an inch, no matter what the subject. It was odd when he predicted (correctly) a Biden win. Tough for him when many of his listeners started venting their anger on him for not following the playbook to the letter.

The worst of all, in this writer's opinion, is the faker, Rush Limbaugh. Constantly twisting and turning his ranting to keep up with his listener, the president, who is the man of "First you say you will, then you say you won't. The you say you do and then you say you don't" fame.

And now it goes on into the evening hours! Instead of the calm and knowledgeable Clark Howard they used to have, it's another emotional rant-master. Apparently sound advice and information just doesn't pull enough ratings.

How can legitimate local businesses support such stuff with their advertising? It is they who are allowing these radio personalities to keep adding gas to the fire. It is truly a sad state of affairs.

## Washington, January 6, Take Your Pick: The Storming of the Bastille or Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass)

**COMMENTARY BY BILL KATZ**

A strange cauldron of white nationalist supremacy, anti-Semitism and racism came together in a perfect storm in front of the White House at the behest of our Demon-in-Chief, Donald Trump, as a last gasp to overthrow 239 years of democracy and install the Tyrant Trump.

Remember this moment. It will live in infamy.

This infamous episode in our history is more about the Nazi rampage through German streets breaking glass doors of Jewish homes and Synagogues as a precursor to the Holocaust. Do you think it can't happen here? Well, think again. It can happen anywhere if it happened before.

Trump is the worst president to ever hold this office. He will soon be gone. But he is only a symptom — a face to the disease that will remain. And the disease will need to be destroyed by any and every means. His reckless minions came close to mass slaughter of congressmen and senators. Let us understand that this struggle for the good in our society must be fully engaged and unceasing until the disease has been purged, not unlike Covid-19.

Some of these events were predicted in my book, "Donald's Vanity Tantrums," which is now available online or at Barnes and Noble, downtown Hartford. Or you can purchase it from me directly by emailing bkatz321@gmail.com or texting 860-956-2844 I'll be happy to sign one for you and deliver it at no extra charge. Soft cover edition is \$15.95 (tax included).

Here is one of my satires from the book and occurred the first few days of the Trump administration:

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ONWARD AND UPWARD

# A conversation with Stan McCauley as he takes the reins at the GHAAA

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN



No one was more surprised than J Stan McCauley—Hartford's most prolific videographer, longtime TV host, founder and CEO of AccessTV.org, and three-time candidate for Mayor—when he was asked to run, and then elected, President of the Greater Hartford African American Alliance in December 2020. During a recent interview with the Hartford News, Stan talked about his new role and how he and the leadership team plan to expand the scope of GHAAA's participation and influence in several areas of concern to residents of Hartford and its environs.

**Hartford News:** Stan, how pleased were you with the results of the GHAAA election?

**SM:** I'm excited about the role. I wasn't looking for the job, but was approached by others in the organization about running. I was shocked, but their confidence in my ability to lead GHAAA seemed to be universal. It gives me the opportunity to benefit the community and the residents.

**HN:** The Alliance has been around for quite a while. What direction do you want to see it take now, in the year 2021 and beyond?

**SM:** My vision is to see the organization become resolution-oriented. In the past the Alliance has had days of glory, but there's a perception that it's just a group of curmudgeson commiserating about how things used to be and what went wrong. We tend to be older. At age 60, I'm considered one of the "younger" ones, but we do want to get much younger people on board. Some have already joined, such as Dr. Mya Bowen, who heads our Education Committee.

**HN:** Would you elaborate on what you mean by "resolution-oriented?"

**SM:** One goal is to put forth resolutions and possible solutions to the

City and in some instances – the State – concerning issues that affect both the community in general and specifically communities of color. Among those are education and youth development and expanding support for teachers; public safety and quality of life issues; economic and community development; and advancing a culture of open and honest communications in city government. We want to work on these and many other initiatives and then tell the stakeholders "Here's our proposed legislative fix."

**HN:** Looking at the list of GHAAA's board and committee members I see some familiar names, including three former City Councilors: Cynthia Jennings, Ken Kennedy, and RJo Winch. Do you see their experience in city politics as an asset?

**SM:** Everyone who participates in the organization is an asset, and brings skills to the table. We are non-partisan. We don't endorse candidates, but will facilitate forums and debates. All who attend GHAAA meetings are comfortable

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## SHORT CUT

### Belt-loosening at City Hall

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN



Three—count 'em—three brand new six-figure salary appointed Directorships have been created by Hartford's mayor within the past few weeks. Despite a \$500 million bailout from the State a couple of years ago when the city was teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, it would appear that with the advent of these upper-level positions happy days are here again. Impacting the budget in the neighborhood of, say, \$500–600,000 a year counting benefits, I have to question why these appointments are deemed necessary. Two jobs—Director of Diversity & Equity and Director of Transportation have been handled by staff in the city's department of Human Resources in the first instance, and the Department of Public Works in the second. Now they'll be entirely separate entities with not only Directors but undoubtedly the accompanying staffs. The most puzzling new title that—as far as anyone can tell—has never before existed in Hartford city government is DOO—Director of Operations. Now, we have long had, a COO—Chief Operating Officer. The current one receives compensation hovering around \$200,000/year; some online sources cite it as being much more than that. So what will the DOO do that the COO isn't doing already? The DOO appointee is also the son of a Hartford City Councilman. He's been in that position for two months now, which makes it even more mysterious that it hasn't been announced in the Hartford

possibility that these positions will be temporary, as the mayor's administration has had a dizzying record a la Donald Trump's when it comes to turnover of department heads. One can only hope that when charter revision finally happens, the number of appointed positions the mayor is currently entitled to, including those on the Board of Education, will be slashed—drastically.

Of course, there's always the

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## Get Connected Initiative Seeks to Close the Digital Divide

BY ANDY HART

When schools switched to online learning last spring following the COVID-19 outbreak, a major challenge facing Hartford became clear. Despite the "digital age" being over two decades old, many people, including children, still lack regular and reliable internet access.

According to a report issued last fall by the Technology Policy Institute, nearly 40% of households in Connecticut's largest cities don't have high-speed internet at home, compared to 23% of all homes statewide. In addition, 37% of Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, New Britain and Bridgeport residents didn't have working computers.

While numerous efforts have been made to close this "digital divide," the economic dislocation caused by the COVID-19 shutdown has brought additional challenges to those struggling to remain connected to the internet. When the rent, electricity and other bills pile up, paying the phone and/or cable bills are often put off and frequently service is cut off.

But internet connectivity is no longer a luxury; for the vast majority of people, it has become a necessity. Students need it to learn, the elderly need it to schedule medical appointments, job seekers need it to fill out applications. While the COVID-19 pandemic may have accelerated the process, it is inevitable that internet access will become more and more vital in the years ahead—and those without internet access will be left farther behind.

To try and close the digital divide, the State of Connecticut has launched the "Get Connected: Internet for All" campaign.

The campaign has a wealth of

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information on its website, CT.gov/GetConnected, or you can call 211 to obtain assistance with getting internet access.

On the Get Connected website, there is a list of Connecticut internet providers who offer affordable plans for qualifying individuals and families. Just enter your zip code for a list of available offers. In addition, parents of school-aged children who do not have internet access may qualify for a no-cost plan through Governor Ned Lamont's Everybody Learns initiative. Information on whether you qualify can be gained through your local school system.

The Get Connected website also has a list of free tutorials and other educational aids for those unfamiliar with the internet. A wide range of topics are covered, from setting up a wifi network to avoiding scams and keeping your personal information secure.

But how do you access all this information if you're currently not connected to the web? Hartford Public Library (HPL) is a good place to start. Although HPL's branches are currently closed except for some limited services, the Downtown Library is open for those wishing to use a computer and access the internet. There is no charge and HPL staff can assist you.

And you probably will need assistance. The internet can be a bit overwhelming at first. There are new terms to learn for just about everything. But as you start to use it for accessing your bank account and other things, remember to write down your user names and passwords. It'll save you a lot of trouble in the future as you navigate through the digital world.



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## CRT Partners with Liberty Bank to Help Those with Low-Incomes Purchase a Home

The Community Renewal Team (CRT) in partnership with Liberty Bank has announced the availability of a unique “Community Asset Building Initiative” (CABI) to help people in Hartford and Middlesex Counties achieve financial independence and security as they save money for future home ownership.

Qualified individuals will enroll in a special online training course with CRT financial counselors. Upon the successful completion of all 10 modules in this course, along with opening a special CABI savings account through Liberty Bank, those individuals will be eligible to receive up to a one-to-one match of \$1,000 from Liberty Bank to help them achieve the dream of owning their own home.

The CABI program offers participants incentive savings matches, personal and money management education, peer and staff support, and individual counseling to make asset ownership attainable.

Financial literacy education will be provided online using the

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Money Smart curriculum (<https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/index.html>). Participants can complete the 10 FDIC modules at their own pace, and then work to complete their personal savings goal with their new CABI savings account.

CRT staff will provide case management services to each participant in the CABI program to assist with:

- Setting realistic short- and long-term personal, financial, and asset goals.
- Designing strategies to achieve their personal and financial goals.
- Acquiring financial skills and knowledge in order to make informed financial decisions.
- Developing or improving fiscal self-discipline, self-awareness and patterns of regular savings.

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## The Village Doesn't Let COVID Steal Holiday Joy

This past holiday season, staff at the Village for Families & Children were determined that the thousands of children who benefit from its annual toy drive – The Holiday Giving Tree – wouldn't miss out in 2020 because of the pandemic. But with so many employees working from home and large gatherings prohibited, participating companies, their staff and dozens of additional Village supporters had to find new ways to help.

The Village raised more than \$45,000 to purchase gift cards to be used to buy holiday gifts, food and other necessities. The gift cards were distributed to families receiving services at The Village, just in time for Christmas. Donors also contributed more than \$5,000 in basic needs items like coats, hats, diapers and wipes.

Galo Rodriguez, The Village's President & CEO, said, "We want to make sure that the thousands of children and families we serve are still able to celebrate the holidays with a special meal and an exciting gift. We're grateful that so many



generous people and companies across Greater Hartford are partnering with us to deliver holiday joy during this very challenging time."

Businesses and organizations participating in the Holiday Giving Tree this year include AXA XL, Barings, Cigna, The Cobb School Montessori, Eversource, Glastonbury Auxiliary, Granby Memorial Middle School, KeyBank, The Hartford, The Hartford Courant, Hartford HealthCare's Hartford

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## Bill Katz Commentary

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### Phone Conversation Between Trump and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto

A phone call comes in to the White House and is sent to the president's office.

**Trump:** "President Niento, Donald Trump here."

**Nieto:** "Bueno. Presidente Trump, que dia es convenience para mi visita a Washington?"

**Trump:** "Cut the shit, Enrique. I know you speak English. We are meeting next month. How much is Mexico kicking in for the wall? We need border control."

**Nieto:** "Senior Pendejo, I am not giving one peso for that wall. Shouldn't we talk about NAFTA instead?"

**Trump:** "Nieto, I'm planning on building a big wall – the biggest wall ever. I will charge 20 percent tariffs on all Mexican imports until the wall is finished. As for NAFTA, you can send that agreement down the shithole Rio Grande. And I know what pendejo means. It means a president that uses his pen to sign executive orders."

**Nieto:** "Presidente Pendejo, I've got better things to do besides listening to a half-baked potato like you. Our meeting is cancelled. Say hola to the family."

## Vaccination Rollout

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but recently they have been asked to assist in Phase 1A. The department did a review of the freezer and refrigerator capacity and all the equipment is ready to receive the Moderna vaccinations for people in the Phase 1A groups. They're waiting for approval from the state and then will be able to put in a request for a shipment of Moderna. The state is doing really well; they're ahead of the January 30th milestone.

The state is working on its recommendations for the next phases. At this time, Phase 1B includes the following groups; municipal workers such as DPW staff, fire and police who are not health care responders, teachers and staff in school buildings, and residents

ing process. Right now there are 13 testing centers that will provide COVID education communication outreach about the vaccines, as well as desired behavior to keep everyone safe. The public school and CREC coordinators will be the first school groups to be contacted, followed by the charter schools. A media campaign is well underway and a series of seven focus groups was held with a hundred community members. There needs to be a central place to find information, and that can assure

trust in the Health Department. One effective encouraging people to get tested was providing first-hand accounts of people who experienced the illness. They also provided feedback about confusion about the vaccines being offered. This group recommended

## CRT Homeownership

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- Increasing self-confidence and assertiveness as it relates to financial and consumer matters.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine in Connecticut

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### PHASE 1A (CURRENT PHASE)

- Healthcare Personnel
- Long-Term Care Facility Residents
- Medical First Responders

### PHASE 1B (COMING SOON)

- Individuals 75+
- Frontline essential workers
- Individuals and staff in congregate settings

### PHASE 1C (COMING SOON)

More Information Coming Soon!

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133,190  
First Doses Administered

7,865  
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Total Doses Administered



over the age of 75. The Health department has a team to manage the rollout; DeLita Rose-Daniels, Program Administrator, Monique Guston, Nurse Supervisor, a new city public health nurse, and 6 CDC nurses. Other members will cycle in and out based on the need for their expertise. Currently, the department is taking inquiries from management at senior housing facilities. They are setting up plans go out to those communities to avoid the issues that have been seen in Florida. It will be by appointment at each location, and they plan to reuse the COVID test-

that politicians be the first to receive the vaccine, as well as other public figures in the community. Another asset identified is that there are five federally qualified community healthcare facilities in Hartford that have good reputations.

The Hartford News will provide updates about the plans, as well as informing you when and where you can be vaccinated. If you would like to view the City Council Committee Meeting on 1/4/2021, go to <https://fb.watch/2UecOZeWf/>.

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**Stan McCauley****Continued from page 3**

with making presentations to our members.

**HN:** Let's talk about the organization's demographic. Is it open to anyone regardless of race and place of residence?

**SM:** The alliance is open to everyone. Our membership is from all over the region—Avon, Bloomfield, Windsor, West Hartford, Simsbury, and Tolland, to name a few—and our outreach is to anyone interested in our core mission. People of all races are very interested in how People of Color are impacted. (Former City Councilor) Dr. Larry Deutsch has been a longtime member.

**HN:** Any final thoughts?

**SM:** The number of women who belong to the Alliance has grown exponentially over the years. Men can help in forwarding the causes that are unique to women. And they can become more aware of language that can be perceived as sexist, and call each other out: "Look man, that's not cool to say."

For more information about GHAAA and their mission or to become a member, you can go to their website, ghafricanamericanalliance.com, or call Stan McCauley at 860-944-9797. They also have a Facebook page.

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gency food distribution at Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford, every Tuesday from 9:30 am - 1pm. Residents of Hartford and Tolland Counties are eligible for one package of food each week for their families. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Foodshare has distributed over six million meals in central Connecticut. To make a donation, go to Foodshare.org

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The Hartford Police Athletic League (PAL) is now taking registrations from Hartford students. Registration is free. The program runs through June, Monday through Friday, 3:30-7:30 pm. Activities include homework assistance, field trips, arts and crafts and numerous sports, including basketball, baseball, softball, hockey and golf. Open to boys and girls. For more information, call Officer Vinny at 860-757-4305.

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February 5th. Christmas trees are not considered a bulky item. For further information, please call Hartford 311 at 860-757-9311. Staff Available Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm.

**Hartford Police Explorers Taking New Members**

Hartford youth between the ages of 13-20 who are interested in a career in law enforcement can now sign up for the Hartford Police Explorers program. The program provides training in law enforcement, social activities, leadership training, physical fitness programs, outdoor activities and more. You must maintain at least a C average in school, have no criminal record and be willing to attend explorer activities and commit to a code of conduct and uphold the image of the Hartford Police Department. You will also have to complete an oral interview and pass a background examination. For more information, contact HPD Sgt. Nikki Mordasiewicz at 860-757-4247 or shern001@hartford.gov.

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**New City Walking Group Forming**

Hartford City Strollers, a virtual and socially distanced walking group, has been created to encourage physical activity among Hartford residents by the Hartford Rec Division and the Hartford Health Dept. In addition to walks, the group will meet via Zoom to share healthy recipes, trail suggestions, games, contests, and more. To join the group and find new locations for a nice walk, go to Facebook, or Instagram and search for "Hartford City Strollers."

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### ANUNCIO

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Lo que comenzó como una



ayuda para las madres inmigrantes solteras en el área de Hartford, rápidamente ganó tracción en toda la comunidad. Esto fue difícil porque todas las donaciones ocurrieron fuera de la casa de Xyomi.

"Toda la sala de estar estaba completamente. Movimos todo desde la sala de estar y simplemente teníamos todo allí. Arroz, azúcar, cosas básicas que necesitas en la casa ", dice Rivera.

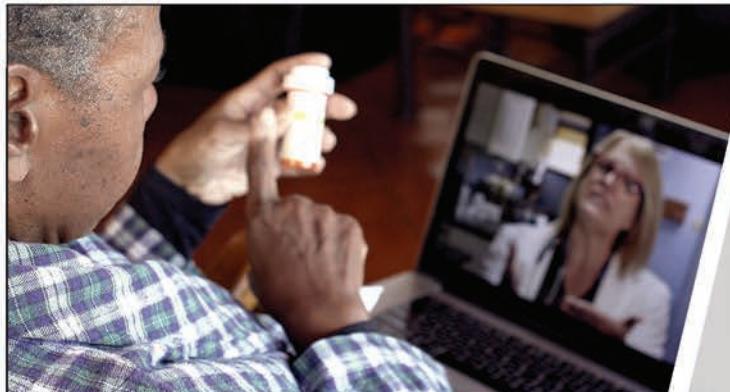
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By Iris Rodriguez



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